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Jackson, Mississippi, Thursday, February 12, 1953

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Ralph Longshore Featured Speaker At State Meeting



Dr. Ralph Longshore, secretary of Cooperative Field Promotion, Sunday School Board, Nashville, will be the visiting featured speaker when the State Religious Education Association holds its 7th annual meeting at Parkway Church, Jackson, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Featured speakers from Mississippi will include Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, state executive secretary; Dr. Norman O'Neal, professor of Religious Education, Mississippi College and Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor Main Street Church, Hattiesburg and president of the State Convention.

The meeting will be presided over by H. B. Youngblood, minister of education, Fifteenth Avenue Church, Meridian.

The meeting, to begin at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon and close at noon Wednesday, will cover every phase of religious education work.

A number of religious education workers from over the state will appear on the program.

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Eisenhowers Are Members Of Washington Church

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—President and Mrs. Eisenhower were received into membership of the National Presbyterian church here in a private ceremony.

Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, the church's pastor, said he believed it to be "the first time a President of the United States has joined a church while he was President."

Dr. Elson said that different procedures were applied to the President and his wife at the "very simple and modest" ceremony. The President was received into membership upon Christian baptism and confession of faith and Mrs. Eisenhower upon confirmation of baptismal vows.

DR. T. L. HOLCOMB TO HEAD SB FOUNDATION

Nashville, Tenn.—(BP)—Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, has been elected executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation to succeed Dr. C. H. Bolton, who resigned January 1, to accept a Florida pastorate.

Dr. Holcomb will retire in June as secretary of the Sunday School Board after serving eighteen years and will assume his new duties with the Convention investment (Continued on Page Two)

Cooperative Program Gifts Up 17 Pct. First Quarter

Dr. Quarles Improving

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, our general executive secretary is improving and has been able to be at the office several hours each day this week.

R. Quarles has been quite ill for the past two weeks with malaria.

1952 Southern Convention Report Shows 23 Per Cent Mission Gain

Nashville, Tenn.—(BP)—Southern Baptist mission gifts reached an all time high in 1952 with a total offering to all mission causes of \$45,822,830. This is a 23 per cent increase over 1951, a gain of \$8,554,658.

The information was released today by J. P. Edmunds, Nashville, secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information for the denomination.

Total gifts to all causes were \$248,004,289, an increase of \$25,166,180 or 11.3 per cent over the 1951 figure of \$222,838,109. Per capita giving jumped from \$30.22 in 1951 figure of \$222,838,109. Per capita giving to missions increased from \$5.05 in 1951 to \$6.00 in 1952.

Total church property valuation stood at \$890,697,339 for 1952, a gain of 17 per cent over the 1951 total of \$761,510,838.

Five hundred and seventy-six new churches were reported to bring the total to 28,865 for 1952, a 2 per cent gain over the total of 28,289 for 1951.

There was a gain of 3.5 per cent

in church membership, or an increase of 260,995 from 7,373,488 in 1951 to 7,634,483 in 1952. A total of 354,384 people were baptized in 1952.

Sunday school enrollment for 1952 was 5,491,056 a gain of 4.5 per cent over 1951. Seven hundred new Sunday schools were reported to bring the 1952 total to 28,040. Sunday school teachers have launched plans to enrol a million more in Sunday school in 1954.

Gain in Training Union enrollment was 122,633 or 7.9 per cent to bring the total to 1,677,293. Gain in the number of Training Unions was 895 or 5.3 per cent to a total of 17,781.

Vacation Bible school enrollment stood at 2,059,163 in 1952.

The Woman's Missionary Union enrollment increased to 1,143,993 in 1952 from 1,087,427 in 1951, a gain of 56,566 or 5.2 per cent.

The Brotherhood, Southern Baptist men's organization, increased 15.6 per cent in enrollment, a gain of 28,899 to 214,486 in 1952 from 185,587 in 1951.

Keel To Head New Negro Work Unit



R. W. A. Keel

Dr. W. A. Keel, pastor of the Taylorsville church the past three and a half years, has been elected as secretary of the newly created Department of Negro Work of the State Convention Board, according to announcement by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary.

Dr. Keel will have an office in the Baptist Building and has already begun work.

His work will cover several areas of work among the Negro race, however one definite phase will (Continued on Page Two)

HOUSTON, TEXAS — 1953 CONVENTION CITY



THE HOUSTON SKYLINE as the delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention will see it. The Convention meets in Houston, Texas on May 4-10.

Informed Baptists Are Better Baptists --- Send Them The Baptist Record

BY CHESTER L. QUARLES

Executive Secretary

Mississippi Baptists continue to march! Cooperative Program receipts for the first quarter of this convention year—November, December, January—were up nearly 17 percent over the same period a year ago.

Figures just released by J. E. Lane, treasurer, reveal that Cooperative Program gifts the first quarter this convention year were \$268,830.29 as against \$230,003.32 a year ago.

Designated contributions the first quarter of this year were \$51,247.07 as compared to \$214,139.14 a year ago, or a gain of \$37,107.93.

Grand total contributions, including Cooperative Program and designated gifts, were \$320,077.36 for the first quarter as compared to \$444,142.46 the same period a year ago.

We all rejoice over the above gain and give God the glory for the increase.

May we all—as Mississippi Baptists—take encouragement over our record this first quarter and move forward for even greater gains in His Name.

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Leadership Meets Marked Success

By JOE ABRAMS
Director of Promotion

The third annual Leadership Conferences and Brotherhood Rallies have come and gone but the impact of their effectiveness will be felt for a long time to come.

In spite of an epidemic of flu the attendance generally was normal and never was a finer spirit or more optimistic outlook encountered.

Interest throughout was excellent, with many comments heard regarding the unusually good program this year.

One pastor who came one day, was so impressed with the program he returned to the meeting the next day with several of his church leaders.

There were several substitutions on the program caused by the flu but in every case the substitute was well able to handle the (Continued on Page Two)

Tragic Need

BY ALFRED CARPENTER
Director, Chaplains Commission
Board, Atlanta

A Baptist sergeant in Korea inquires, "I have been in the army for two years and have not found a Baptist chaplain. Where are they?"

Selective Service is calling out more than 48,000 men each month. Approximately ten per cent are from Southern Baptist churches, and one-half of them have no definite church affiliation. These men are entitled to a Baptist chaplain at induction center as they lay aside civilian clothes and don the uniform, during these bewildered days of adjustment, the weeks of intense training, at port of embarkation, when shipped out, on board ship going over, and in combat at the battle front. Yes, they need a Baptist chaplain when wounded, during long hospital confinements, whether in jail or wherever they are. Especially do these men need a Baptist chaplain as they separate from the army and prepare to return to civilian life, in the home, church, community, and national life.

The need for additional chaplains is tragic. The army will accept "all the qualified applicants the Southern Baptist Chaplains Commission will endorse." We have 423 chaplains on duty in all branches of the services. One hundred and seventy-three are in the Army. Applicants must possess aptitudes necessary for this highly specialized type of ministry such as: spiritual understanding, pulpit ability, leadership initiative, evangelistic zeal, missionary vision, and an effective counselor.

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LINCOLN PASTORS MEET

Thirty Baptist pastors attended the Lincoln County Baptist Pastors' Conference recently held at the First Church, Brookhaven.

Rev. A. Marvin Sanders, President, presided. The program featured a talk on "How to Improve your Radio Devotional" by Bill Jones, WJMB Announcer; "Church Organization for Simultaneous Revival" by Rev. H. B. Wilkinson; "Expository Preaching in the Book of James" by Rev. Harold Douglas; and "Bible Study in the Book of Phillipians" by Rev. Brooks Wester. Charles Richey brought the special music.

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New Cooperative Program Charts Now Available

By JOE ABRAMS
Director of Promotion
The 1953 Cooperative Program Charts are ready and will be mailed to all churches within the next few days.

The charts this year are quite different from those the past two years and designed to be much more attractive and more readily understood.

They are white, blue and black and give a quick, condensed breakdown of how the Mississippi Baptists Cooperative Program dollar is utilized.

All pastors are asked to watch for their chart and place it in a conspicuous place in the church.

Those for any reason not receiving a chart are asked to write Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary, Box 530, Jackson, and one will be sent.

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Dr. T. L. Holcomb

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agency at that time.

L. L. Gellerstedt, Atlanta, president of the Foundation, announced the election at the annual meeting held Tuesday in Nashville.

"With world conditions as they are in these formative days of the Foundation, we drafted Dr. Holcomb because of his wide experience in denominational affairs and his long interest in this work," Gellerstedt said.

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Keel To Head

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be working with Dr. H. L. Lang, president of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary (for Negroes).

The central center of the seminary is located in Jackson with 20 centers located over the state, and is supported by the Mississippi Baptist Convention and several negro Baptist groups.

More than 500 were enrolled during the year 1951-52.

Dr. Keel is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary, Louisville. He has served as head of Bible departments at both Union University and Carson-Newman College, Tennessee.

The new secretary has held pastorates in three states. He has been active in denominational affairs, having been convention board member from Smith county.

The work at Taylorsville grew under the leadership of Dr. Keel. A lot for a new pastorum was purchased, improvements were made on the church property, the library was reactivated, and the building fund grew to approximately \$18,000.

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ST. PAUL, Minn. (RNS) The first Sunday School to be organized in Minnesota for mentally retarded children began its sessions at Christ Lutheran Church here. The project is sponsored jointly by the St. Paul Chapter of the association for the Mentally Retarded and Christ Lutheran Church. Designed for all Protestant children, the Sunday school hour will be divided into three parts: worship and singing, class instruction and a period with visual aids.

Training Union Associate Named



G. G. PIERCE

G. G. Pierce, of New Orleans, graduate of New Orleans Seminary, will become an associate in the State Training Union Department beginning March 1, it has been announced by Kermit S. King, Training Union Secretary and Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary.

Mr. Pierce holds the master of Theology degree from the seminary and has done a year's work toward the Doctor of Theology Degree. Previous to that he was graduated from Carson-Newman College, Tennessee.

He is a native of Tennessee and served as Operation officer with the Navy Air Corps during World War No. 2.

Mrs. Pierce is the former Catherine Rea Fisk. They have two children, Jan Franklin and Nancy Susan.

Mr. Pierce is a layman and previously did summer work for the Tennessee State Board. At college he majored in English and Bible and edited the school paper.

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ZONDERVAN ANNOUNCES FICTION CONTEST

The Zondervan Publishing House Grand Rapids, Michigan, has announced a 4th International Christian Fiction Contest which will close December 31, 1954. As in the previous contests, only evangelical Christian fiction manuscripts with a minimum of 50,000 and a maximum of 100,000 words will be considered in this new contest. Any one not an employee of the Zondervan Publishing House is eligible to enter the contest.

As a result of the first two contests conducted by Zondervan, several outstanding Christian novels were published, among them Thine Is The Kingdom by James H. Hunter, Give Me Thy Vineyard by Guy Howard, Of Men and Of Angels by Lon Woodrum, Until The Day Break by Sallie Lee Bell, Hidden Valley by Douglas C. Percy and The Light In My Window by Francena H. Arnold. The winners of the 3rd International Christian Fiction Contest will be announced at a later date. These contests are sponsored for the purpose of developing new, good religious fiction material and to encourage Christian novelists and writers.

SBC Cooperative Program Shows 17.84 Per Cent Gain

THE TRAINING SCHOOL GOES FORWARD

BY EMILY K. LANSDELL

Last year Woman's Missionary Union voted to begin to enlarge the curriculum of the school along the lines of missions and Christian social work. The trustees were authorized to bring immediately to the Training School professors of highest qualifications and to take the necessary steps to gain accreditation.

Additions to Staff

Dr. Maxfield Garrett, missionary to Japan, is a visiting lecturer at the Training School this year. Dr. Hugh Brimm, formerly Executive Secretary of the Social Service Commission and onetime head of the department of sociology at Mercer University, joined the staff on January 1 as professor of sociology and human relations. Announcement is now made of the appointment of Mr. George Carver as professor of mission, effective the next school session. Mr. Carver, formerly a missionary to China and now teaching at the Peddie School in Hightstown, New Jersey, is the son of Dr. W. O. Carver, professor emeritus of missions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mr. Carver was graduated from Yale University and Columbia University and attended Southern Seminary.

Program of Study

According to the recommendation of the trustees last February, the Training School will continue to offer the Master's degree after two years of study beyond undergraduate college. Such training will emphasize awareness and understanding of social situations and problems and the knowledge and techniques of meeting individual and group needs in the spirit and power of the Christian gospel.

All of the candidates for the Master's degree will, in a sense, major in Christianity and Human Relations but within this emphasis there will be opportunity for specialization according to the vocational need of the individual student along the lines of religious education, social work and missions.

I am convinced that the courageous person is not the one who has never been afraid, but the one who stands by his convictions and his duty even when he is afraid. The courageous person is the one whose convictions are stronger than the impulse to run away.—M. Theron Rankin, in charge to missionary appointees.

Nashville, Tenn.—(BP)—At the close of the first month in 1953 the Southern Convention Cooperative Program receipts showed a 17.84 per cent increase over the first month of 1952, with a total \$859,269, or \$130,108 ahead of the \$729,161 received in January of last year. The information was released by Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer, Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention.

Designated offerings received for the month totaled \$903,253, a gain of \$114,238 or 14.48 per cent over \$789,015 received for the same period last year.

Included in the designated funds for January was \$789,824 marked for the Lottie Moon foreign mission offering. A total of \$661,073 was received during the same period for the same cause last year. Most of the Lottie Moon funds usually arrive in Nashville in February and early March.

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Leadership Meets

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signment.

Missions, stewardship and Brotherhood were the three main points of emphasis.

Practically every association in the state was represented at one of the 15 meetings.

These conferences are held early each year under sponsorship of the State Convention Board, with Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary, leading.

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TEXAS MINISTERS ACT AGAINST GAMBLING

HOUSTON, Tex. (RNS) Two groups of clergymen here have voiced opposition to gambling.

One, the Association of Ministers of Greater Houston, voted to send a delegation to Austin, the state capital, to oppose a bill to legalize pari-mutuel betting in Texas.

"We oppose racing—period!" one spokesman for the association said. "And we particularly oppose this proposed bill (which would allow local option by counties) because you cannot limit the influence of pari-mutuel betting to one locality."

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Baptists And The Country Church

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A college president, not a Baptist, asked: "Why is it that of all Protestant churches in America, Southern Baptists are the most progressive and prosperous?"

J. Henry Burnett replied, in part: "Doctor, your people went to the cities and would not let anybody preach without a college education. We went to the country where the leaders are produced, and established our work. Then we went to the cities."

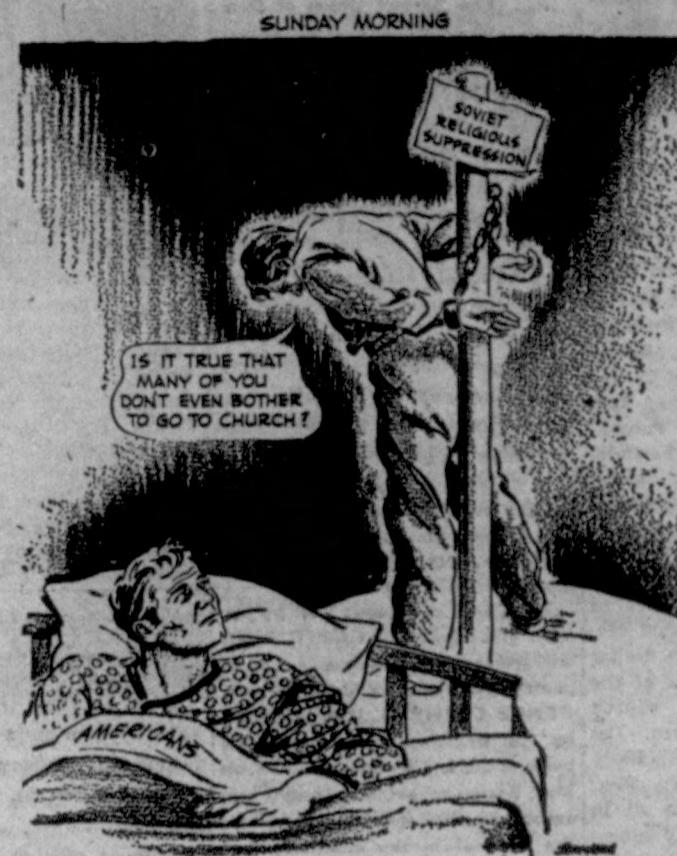
Behind the rapid growth of Southern Baptists has been the vision of the early pioneers who went into the "highways and hedges" organizing churches to carry the gospel to the masses. But what of today?

Great denominations start as a movement of the common people. As these people gradually improve their status in life, the churches grow in wealth along with the people and move up the ladder of social class, leaving a new group of common men and women as sheep without a shepherd.

Then the inevitable happens. The common man must find a church that has a message for him, and if he cannot, he begins a new one. The former happened in early America. The old established denominations lost their message for the common people. Then there was presented to them from Europe the Baptist beliefs of the equality of man before God, a hope of salvation and freedom. So Baptists advanced, for they had a gospel of repentance and salvation for the masses, not the classes.

Today we wonder whether Baptists are beginning to fall victim to this age-old tendency. Let us look at the facts. In the period 1800 to 1840 Baptists in the South increased from 62,000 to 323,000—an increase of 400 per cent. But from 1900 to 1939 the increase was from 1,600,000 to 4,900,000, or an increase of 200 per cent. One may be inclined to attribute this to the times in which we live, but let us look at other denominations.

In the years from 1880 to 1900 there began in America what is known as the Holiness movement. This was a movement of the common man, arising out of dissatisfaction with established denominations. One branch of this movement, which might be called a denomination, grew from 6,000 in 1906 to 136,000 in 1936, or an increase of 2,000 per cent, while Southern Baptists during the same period had an increase of 130 per cent. In the period from 1926 to



1936 this denomination had an increase of 100 per cent, while Southern Baptists increased only 20 per cent.

Is all this due to lack of emphasis on the country church? By no means, but it is true enough to make us see the urgency of a vigorous and aggressive country church program with a mission and message for all men. To neglect the people is to lose them.

Recently in a neighboring association a certain religious sect moved into a Baptist community, organized a church, erected a building, launched a vigorous program, and in a short time had a Sunday School enrollment twice that of the nearest Baptist church, one of the oldest in the county. This is an illustration of what is happening in many sections of the South. Our country churches need to be alerted.

This is a great hour for our Baptist country churches, let them match the hour with real program of evangelism, enlistment, training and visitation—a program that will carry the gospel to all the people. Let us begin now. "The night is far spent, the day is at hand." (Rom. 13:12).

—Wilburn S. Smith.

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Faith Healing

The increasing number of "faith healers" prompts me to venture a few remarks on the subject of faith in its relation to healing. In my way of thinking, faith is first of all a most practical thing—like taking a drink of water when one is thirsty, eating

when one is hungry, or taking an aspirin when one has a headache. It is my faith that teaches me that

God has provided in nature the answer to many of our physical needs. It would seem ridiculous for a hungry man to turn from a full barrel of meal to implore God to send down manna from heaven. Yet there seems to be a large number of people who would turn away from the powers of medical science to seek from God miraculous healings. But the same God who made the soil and the seed and gave to man the intelligence to grow the wheat has also placed in man's hands the ability to minister to diseased and ailing human bodies.

Now there is no doubt in my mind that God does still perform such miracles as we are discussing. But in every case within my knowledge these demonstrations of God's supernatural power have been granted only after every human resource has been exhausted. His strength is made perfect in weakness, but we do not discover that strength until we have utterly spent our own, and in the spending found our weakness. Many of our most successful doctors, facing repeatedly their human limitations, have testified to their dependence upon a strength beyond their own. Thus faith begins on the practical level, but need not end there. We can with faith in God make full use of the great powers with which he has blessed man, knowing that in and beyond these abilities there is yet a vast and unlimited area for the workings of the Holy Spirit.

—Clarence Cutrell.

Our Readers Write**HERE'S VISIBLE THANKS**

Below is a letter from a very splendid business layman of Jackson who has recently been a patient in our Baptist Hospital and is now convalescing.

Mrs. Karenza Gilfoy, Superintendent, Baptist Hospital, Jackson, Mississippi.

Dear Mrs. Gilfoy:

I've been a little handicapped, otherwise you would have heard from me many days ago in an effort to express my appreciation for the wonderful service and the spirit in which it was rendered while I was a patient for nearly three weeks.

Every one with whom I had contact at the Baptist Hospital was friendly, helpful and skillful. The spirit is the finest I've ever seen. The great Baptist Church increases my admiration for what it is doing in giving colored girls an opportunity to acquire training and skill as nurses.

I want our company to have a little part in what you are doing and upon my return—before Christmas, I hope—you will receive a check for \$500.00 which I hope you will use as you see fit—that is, for the new building or wherever in your judgment it is most needed.

Sincerely,

BOYD CAMPBELL.

SHE AGREES WITH OUR STAND

Dear Brother Goodrich:

Re-emphasizing your editorial in the Baptist Record of January 1st, I quote from the summary which you make on the Revised Standard Version of the Bible:

"There are some things we like about the RSV and others that we do not. As for us we plan to put the new translation by the side of the many others we have, and accept the good and reject the bad."

"For pulpit and devotional use we plan to continue to use, love, enjoy and profit from the King James Version."

Unless and until the Southern Baptist Convention and our Sunday School Board shall have officially adopted this new translation, thereby changing all our Sunday School literature, etc., to harmonize, surely no Baptist leader, teacher, or even Minister would use this new Bible for any church devotional reading.

MRS. T. C. HOBBY,
Member of Glendale Bap. Church,
of Lebanon Association.

COMMENT: So far as we know the Sunday School Board nor any other agency can dictate to any Baptist Church as to what version of the Bible shall be used. But as we wrote in previous editorial, "For pulpit use we plan to use the King James Version. But that is OUR decision. And it stands regardless of any action by the Sunday School Board or others."

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GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

Edgeworth Sends 14

Rev. Paul Weddle, Jr., is a great believer in the Baptist Record. After hearing the Baptist Record speech at the recent meeting of the Zion Association he led Edgeworth Church, of which he is pastor, to make the Baptist Record a part of its program.

Webster County Record readers are now listed as follows:

ALVA 22, Bluff Springs 10, Cross Roads 1, DOUBLE SPRINGS 23, Edgeworth 14, EUPORA 158, FELLOWSHIP (BELFOUNTAIN) 30, Harmony 1, Lollar's Grove 10, MANTEE 47, MATHISTON 74, MT. ZION 35, Monte Vista 1, NEW HOPE 37, Old Cumberland 1, Philadelphia 13, Sapa 1, Spring Creek 1, and WALTHALL 51.

Promotion Plan Works Again

Recently Rev. P. H. Young of Spring Hill Church in Franklin County sent a promotion list to whom the Baptist Record was to be sent a few weeks that the people might become acquainted with their own Baptist paper. As usual, the people, after becoming acquainted with the Baptist Record, decided they wanted it all the time. And an Every Family list has been received.

Record readers in Franklin county are now listed as follows: BUDE 52; Bunkley 7; CONCORD 75; DAMASCUS 40; EDDICETON 25; HAMBURG 22; Hopewell 19; LUCIEN 46; McCall Creek 17; MEADVILLE 48; MT. ZION 24; New Hope 7; NEW SALEM 26; PROVIDENCE 46; QUENTIN 22; RAMAH 46; ROXIE 69; SAREPTA 35; SILOAM 39; and SPRING HILL 14.

Success Means Success

People of Success Church in Harrison County intend to have success in a full measure. Norman M. Scarbrough, secretary and treasurer, recently sent a check to cover the subscription cost of the Baptist Record for seventeen families for one year.

The pastor, Rev. Thomas Hale is a student at the New Orleans Seminary.

Record readers in Harrison county are now listed as follows: BIG RIDGE 46; BILOXI, FIRST 294; BILOXI, SECOND 35; Crane 1; GULFPORT, FIRST 815; GULFPORT, EAST SIDE 86; GULFPORT, GRACE MEMORIAL 46; FERNWOOD (BOWEN MEMORIAL) 30; HANDSBORO 85; LONG BEACH 123; Mississippi City 2; NEW HOPE 53; PASS CHRISTIAN 39; Sharon 11; West Gulfport 16; WOOLMARKET 32; LYMAN 36; Riverside 11; MC-HENRY 34; Calvary Mission 19; Pass Road 18; Success 17; and TRINITY 48.

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On Wednesday night, February 4, New Sardis Church of Smith county had a well attended Men's Rally. Speaker for the night was Dr. W. E. Greene, president of Clarke College. Rev. W. J. Murray is the pastor.

Sparks & Splinters

Recent visitors to the Baptist Building were: Rev. W. J. Hughes of McCall Creek; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ogletree, Millstead, Ala.; Rev. C. O. Estes, Canton; Rev. W. Otis Seal, Itta Bena; Paul Stowers, Itta Bena; Mrs. John Bridgers, Raymond; Harold C. Marsh, Florence, Ala.; O. U. Rushing, Jackson; Fred A. Baker, Brookhaven; W. R. Allen, Walnut Grove; Bebbie Allen, Walnut Grove; Rev. and Mrs. Don Sheffield, Verona; Maryea Henderson, Carbondale, Ill.; Rev. E. Y. Soileau, Columbia; W. W. Webley, Bay St. Louis; and Rev. Lewis Parrish, Crystal Springs.

Wampsville, N. Y. (RNS)—An anonymous want ad that appeared mysteriously in the classified section of a nearby daily newspaper was credited by elders of the Wampsville Presbyterian church with tripling its attendance. The ad, in the Oneida (N. Y.) Daily Dispatch, read: "Wanted: Men, women and children to sit in slightly used pews, Sunday morning. Wampsville Presbyterian church." A church spokesman said that on the Sunday morning following the ad attendance, normally about 12, jumped to 36.

Dr. John E. Huss, pastor of the Southside Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina, has completed his third year of work at that church. In this three year span there have been 1460 additions to the church 565 for baptism. The church has grown from 1611 members to 2,590 members. This past year the Sunday School averaged 1334 per week, the Training Union, 45 per week, and the mid-week Hour of Power averaged 616 per week. A second edition of Dr. Huss's tract on Rotational Visitation is available for free distribution. Pastors and interested workers who desire copies may have them by writing to Southside Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Among the recent visitors to the Baptist Building were members of the Baptist Student Union of East Central Junior College, Decatur. They were: Senita Wilson, Don Acton, Frank Taylor, Malise Meadors, Harold Mayo, Shirley Leake, Malcolm Flandean, Jeanette Smith, Quinette Ray, Donald Carter, Bobby C. Jones, Juanita Wyllie, Mildred Hopkins, Ellen Waltrip, Joyce Ingram, Willie Paul Risher, Judy Cook, Billy Snider, and Henry Snider.

Fifteen people walked down the aisle to accept Christ as their personal Saviour Sunday night, February 8, after the showing of "Mr. Texas" in the auditorium of the Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg. Although this was the third showing of this religious film in this city the church was filled to overflowing, and a large crowd had to be turned away.

Rev. I. M. Prince, is the pastor and Miss Cleo Creede is the church and promotional secretary.

There has never been such a condensed opportunity to spread the gospel so quickly and so effectively as on this island of frightened, hard-pressed people. — Charles L. Culpepper, Jr., missionary to Formosa.

...The Baptist Union of Denmark, after 113 years of existence, has become recognized by the state. While freedom of religion has been in existence since 1843, which permitted citizens to organize into churches and preach the gospel, Baptists have been denied the civic privileges held by the national church and other recognized churches. At the cost of imprisonment many times in recent years, Baptist leaders have paved the way for complete religious liberty. The Baptist Union of Denmark comprises 39 churches with 7500 members, and 15,000 in Sunday School. They have their own theological seminary and publication society, and support fourteen foreign missionaries.

Thousands of friends won by her RED HILLS AND HEARTH FIRE will welcome this new collection of poetry and prose by Marel Brown, FENCE CORNERS. It is published by the Broadman Press and the price is \$1.50. Throughout this book Mrs. Brown reveals her insight and sensitivity, her keen awareness of the Eternal in the commonplace, and her warm appreciation of nature. She speaks with understanding to the man and woman of the farm who see more than brambled earth in fence corners. She also dares the urban captive to share in the divine design: "Who plants a dogwood tree holds hands with God." Marked by a smooth flowing rhythm, a variety of themes, and graphic language, this poetry will appeal to those who "don't like poetry." It has a message for the faithful and those who yearn for faith. Order from the Baptist Book Store.

BLUE MOUNTAIN — A 36-volume set of Funk & Wagnalls Encyclopedia has been donated to the Blue Mountain College library by Misses Clara Etta and Linda Berry. Miss Clara Etta is the daughter of the late "Mother" Berry and Miss Linda, instructor in voice at the college, is her cousin.

The Baptist Student Magazine, in its thirty-second year of publication, has reached an all-time high in circulation according to Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan, editor and secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Department of Student Work. The subscription list now totals more than 15,000 which is believed to be the largest circulation of any denominational student periodical in America. A unique feature of The Baptist Student Magazine is the only periodical published by the Sunday School Board which must begin each October with a totally new subscription list, largely made up of students on college campuses throughout the United States.

Whatever you do financially for missions in the Orient, it won't match the contribution you can make through prayer. — Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient.

You've got good news to tell—it is terrifically good news, the good news of being set at liberty, the good news of salvation.—M. Theron Rankin, in charge of missionary appointees.



Mississippi students at Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, are pictured above. They are, left to right, Row 1: Bob Compere, vice-president; Freda Porter, program chairman; Ira Bright, Jr., president; Nolan Johnston, publicity chairman. Row 2: Betty Freeman, Nell Magee, Dorrence Hull, Bob Hearn, Willie Mae Cutrer, Betty Hart. Row 3: Gordon Sather, Mrs. Gordon Sather, Harry Phillips, Alvyn Moore, Bartis Harper, Ray Paul Raddin, Peyton Moore, Kenneth C. Yeakey. Row 4: Mrs. William G. Etheredge, Willa Dean Featherston, Betty Jane Rodgers, secretary; Margaret McMullen, Mrs. M. M. Alexander, Mrs. Felix B. Green, Iris Ann Green, Benny Joe Green, William Green, Felix Green. Row 5: Betty Jean Baird, Leonard Baird, Mrs. Leonard Baird, Tommy Baird.

Homes Available For SBC Houston Convention

Houston, Tex.—(BP)—Do you want a room in a private home during the Southern Baptist Convention? If you do, here is how to go about it:

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This does not apply if you are a missionary. In this case write directly to Mrs. Presley Hand, 1247 Overhill Drive, Houston, 18, Tex.

THE CHARLES WHITTENS TO GO TO SPAIN

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitten, Mississippians, serving with the Foreign Mission Board, have just been asked by the Board to go to Spain for at least an abbreviated period of three years. The Whittens who are now in the states, living in Philadelphia, have been serving in Argentina. They will leave for Spain in June.

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Baptist Student Union

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MISS BILLIE RUSSELL



REV. JOHN R. MADDOX

Miss Billie Russell, Associate Southwide BSU Secretary of Nashville, Tenn., and Rev. John R. Maddox, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Picayune, Miss., are to appear on the program of the State Retreat for BSU Officers to be held at Woman's College, April 17-19. Please pray for them and for the Retreat in general.

MISCELLANEA

Miss. Southern's recent Religious Emphasis Week is reported to have been unusually successful. We would appreciate reports and a copy of the program of other such weeks.

Each BSU is urged to have its new officers present at the coming Retreat for Officers next April.

YOU too may serve. Volunteer, prepare, serve in Summer Service. Volunteers for Alaska, Cuba, Mexico and among the Negroes or Indians in Mississippi are urged to write the State BSU Dept. right away.

"All the local churches are planning Sweetheart Banquets," writes BSU Sec'y Riley Munday, Miss. Southern, Hattiesburg.

Miss. College students gave \$603.25 through the Clinton Church last month, reports Student Sec'y Charles Tolbert.

Adrian Gonzalez is the Costa Rican young man Miss. students will probably help to attend the Rio Conference.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

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Jackson, Westview	224
Jackson, Highland	152
Jackson, Van Winkle	559
Jackson, Parkway	1034
Jackson, First	1429
Jackson, Crestwood	567
Jackson, Calvary	1487
Main Church	1415
Mission	72
Jackson, Southside	363
Jackson, Northside	653
Jackson, Daniel Mem.	606
Pearl City (Rankin Co.)	127
Linn (Sunflower Co.)	112
Brownsville	88
Yazoo City, First	496
Houka	93
West Point, First	708
First Church	608
Calvary	100
Union (Alcorn Co.)	47
Pascagoula, First	836
First Church	665
Orange Grove Chapel	44
McArthur Chapel	54
Jackson Ave. Chapel	73
Laurel, Second Ave.	397
Meridian, Poplar Spgs.	377
Hattiesburg, Main St.	835
Laurel, First	540
Laurel, West	384
Mission	36
Fair River Lincoln Co.)	95
Bethlehem (Jones Co.)	137
McComb, Friendship	168
Brookhaven, First	737
Main	662
Southway	46
Halbert Heights	29
Laurel, Highland	194
Ruleville	216
Clarksdale	694
Handsboro	195
Foxworth	208
Greenwood, Calvary	374
Zion (Pontotoc Co.)	145
Corinth, Tate St.	268
Chester	60
Amity (Chickasaw Co.)	40
Gulfport, First	878
Poplarville, First	231
Columbus, East End	211
Grenada, First	649
Holly Bluff	110
McComb, East	410
Hattiesburg, Temple	562
Raymond	186
Petal-Harvey	315
Morton	302
Crystal Springs, First	702
Bethel (Amite Co.)	45
Pascagoula, Easthaven	123
Calhoun City, First	304
Ruth	77
Columbus, First	848
Hernando	161
Cranfield	66
Darling	84
Vicksburg, First	555
Laurel, Wildwood	125
County Line (Jones Co.)	71
Newton	461
Enterprise	157
Philadelphia, First	359
Meridian, Highland	477
Louisville, First	466
Louisville, East	47
Louisville, South	31
Lucedale	355
Columbus, Southside	131
Mission	21
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	141
Longview (Oktibbeha Co.)	74
Glenfield (Union Co.)	79

Plan Convention-Wide Audio-Visual Workshop

Fort Worth, Tex.—(BP)—The Fourth Annual Convention-Wide Audio-Visual Workshop will be held on the campus of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., May 18-22, 1953, according to a joint announcement made by Earl Waldrup, secretary, Department of Audio-Visual Aids for the Baptist Sunday School Board and Joe Davis, Meacock, professor in the School of Religious Education, Southwest Seminary.

The week of May 18-22 has been selected because it comes between the regular session and summer school, thus providing adequate dormitory and conference rooms. For further information regarding this conference, write Mr. Earl Waldrup, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn.

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Prepare Now For Simultaneous Crusade

BY DR. C. E. WILBANKS

Two major emphases upon evangelism can be made in every church in Mississippi at this time. Now is the time to begin looking forward to simultaneous revivals in the associations in 1954. It takes a whole year to get ready if proper and full emphasis would be given to every phase of preparation for a simultaneous crusade. So Brother Pastor, be thinking with the other pastors in your association about a date for a simultaneous crusade in your association in 1954.

The other emphasis should be upon the recognition of the pastor, the Sunday school superintendent, the Training Union director, Brotherhood president, and the Missionary Union president, as the Council for Evangelism. These five elected workers in each church comprise the Evangelism Church Council. The pastor is the leader.

The work of the Evangelism Church Council is that of making up a list of prospects, keeping that list alive, and assigning names from that list for visitation, week by week. The people's names who should go into the prospect list are the unsaved people, the unaffiliated Baptists within reach of the church, or living in the area served by the church. These prospects should be visited week by week by the membership of the church. Let each organization choose its week and set its day for visitation, and the greatest good can be accomplished. The Evangelism Church Council at work is remaking the soul-winning efforts and rekindling the soul-winning fires in many churches. Start yours this week.

Chap. N. F. Davis To Mendenhall

Chaplain N. F. Davis, Jr., has accepted a call to become pastor of Mendenhall Church, according to Royce Barlow, chairman of the Deacons.

Chaplain Davis will be discharged from the army at Camp Gordon, Augusta, Ga., on February 28 and he and his family will move immediately to Mendenhall.

Prior to Chaplain Davis' service in the army he was pastor of the First Church in Summit and Forest.

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Vacation Bible School In '52 Enrolled 104,000

According to an announcement made by the State Sunday School Department 1,074, or 65.3 per cent of the Baptist churches in Mississippi had Vacation Bible schools last year. Upwards of 104,000 were enrolled. Of that number 9,000 were not enrolled in Sunday schools.

There were 1,044 professions of faith reported. Of that number 327 joined churches. The total mission gifts was \$9,969 and of this amount \$5,706 went to the Cooperative Program. This work cost the churches 8.8 cents per pupil per day.

Though the above is a glowing report there were 570 churches in the state that did not have a Vacation Bible school.

Several suggestions are made by the State Sunday School department for having the best possible Bible school. Plan longer schools (Mississippi's average is six days); study the Vacation Bible School Guide; use the text book study leaflets; write the Sunday school department, Box 530, Jackson for this; make preparations early; order the Principal's Package from the Baptist Book Store after February 15.

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Dedication Service Held At Houka

A dedication service was held at Houka Church on Sunday, February 7, when a Hamilton Baby Grand piano by Baldwin was dedicated and notes burned.

Music was provided by Miss Wilma Love Peden, pianist, and the message was brought by the pastor, Rev. Arthur Leslie.

Taking part in the burning of the note were Mrs. H. L. Andrews, Mrs. C. O. Smith and Deward Lester, J. L. Taylor and Farrel Thomas also assisted on the pro-

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The tract pictured above is now ready for distribution. As quickly as possible we hope to fill all orders for this leaflet now in hand. Because of the limited supply we cannot make a general distribution of the tract, but will be glad to send any reasonable number you desire upon your request.

QUICK QUOTE

A. L. Emerson, First Baptist Church, Hernando, "Our plans to promote Enlargement month in March are under way as well as the Bible Reading Crusade in February."

Mississippi 75 Club

The Mississippi 75 Club was begun in last week's issue of the Baptist Record with a charter membership of twenty-four. We anticipate a rapid growth in its membership as churches throughout the state realize its existence.

If your church had an average attendance last month of 75 or more, remind your Director of this special listing once a month and see where your church stands when compared with others who report.

Standard Awards Requested For Juniors and Adults

Recognition is being given to these Junior and Adult units of Training Union on achieving the standard of excellence.

Shepherd Junior Union of East McComb Church, Pike Association; Mrs. Mary De Coux, Leader.

Junior Union of Tishomingo Chapel, Alcorn Association, Mrs. E. E. Neil, Leader.

Workers Union of Adult Number III Department, Parkway Church, Jackson, Hinds Association; Mr. H. H. Palmer, president.

Faithful Adult Union of Alta Woods Church, Jackson, Hinds Association, G. L. Stegall, president.

Fellowship Number II Union of East McComb Church, Pike County, J. A. Terrell, president.

Volunteers Adult Union at East McComb Church, Pike Association, James Herrington, president.

State Assembly Prices Set

Already requests are being made as to the cost involved in attending the Mississippi Baptist Training Union Assembly, July 6-10 at Camp Garaway.

Total cost for boys and girls who are twelve years of age or under

will be \$12.00. It will be necessary to send in a \$2.00 reservation fee in order to be assured of a place. The balance of \$10.00 will be called for at the time of registration.

Total cost for all persons over 12 years of age will be \$14.00. It will be necessary to send in a \$2.00 reservation fee in order to be assured a place. The balance of \$12.00 will be called for at the time of registration.

The first three reservations received are from Plantersville Baptist Church.

Cloverdale Church Has Study Course

Cloverdale Church enrolled sixty-three persons in a study course during January. Classes for all age groups were provided. Rev. Henry E. White, Jr., of Natchez, is pastor.

Rev. S. Stotts, pastor of the Cranfield Church taught the Adult class; Mrs. Stotts, the Young People. Charles Barnes, a ministerial student, was leader for the Intermediates while the Juniors were led by Mrs. J. W. Liddell, Rev. Henry E. White, Jr., and Miss Waudine Storey, Educational Director of First Baptist Church, Natchez. Miss Jo Ann Stotts conducted the Nursery, Beginner, Primary activity group.

MORE STANDARD UNITS

JUNIOR Bee Hive Union of First Baptist Church, Tutwiler, Mrs. J. Herbert Everett, Leader.

INTERMEDIATE Intermediate Union, Tishomingo Chapel of Alcorn Association, Mr. Levi Ayers, Leader. Intermediate Union, First Baptist Church, Tutwiler, Tallahatchie Association, Mrs. Lewis Kellum, Leader. Intermediate Union, Edon Church, Jasper County, Mrs. W. G. Kelly, Leader.

ECHOES OF "M" NIGHT GREENE COUNTY Rev. Jas. T. Dunham, director. Attendance 1600, 6 pastors present, 10 churches represented. "Very good meeting. Our Training Union enrollment last year was approximately 825; our goal for '53 is 1000.

COVINGTON COUNTY Mrs. C. C. Rogers, director. 15 churches represented, 7 pastors present, 351 attended. "The program was one of the best we have ever had. The spirit was fine, as a whole this was about the best "M" Night meeting ever held in Covington Association."

CHICKSAW COUNTY: Mr. H. L. Andrews, director. 276 attended, 4 pastors, with 8 churches represented. "The best meeting yet. One bus of 40 did not get there—car trouble on the way; otherwise we would have made our goal."

RIVERSIDE ASSOCIATION — Mrs. M. C. Waldrup, director. 302 attended, 8 pastors, 11 churches represented. "Grand weather. Best attendance we have had in "M" Night. Hollywood Church took the attendance banner. A good program — filmstrip "Learn From Me"; Dr. Harry Spencer, speaker."

COPIAH ASSOCIATION — Mrs. C. F. Barnes, director. 408 in attendance, 10 pastors present, 14 churches represented. "Twenty-one of the 22 Associational Training Union Officers present. Nineteen Training Union Directors were present."

LEBANON ASSOCIATION—Wal-

Jones Co. Junior College Has Harold Basden For Religious Emphasis Week

Jones County Junior College, Elkhville, this week is conducting a program of Religious Emphasis. Dr. Harold G. Basden, pastor of the Calvary Church, Jackson, is the guest speaker.

Miss Ann Bailey, BSU Secretary is chairman of the Steering committee.

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Dedicated Vocations Week Being Held At Blue Mtn.

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Feb. 10—Dedicated Vocations Week is being held this week at Blue Mountain College Tuesday through Saturday. Miss Jane Ray Bean, student secretary is in charge.

Tuesday, Mrs. Annette S. Boutwell, state health specialist of State College, represented the field of health education.

Wednesday, Miss Monte McManon, educational director, First Baptist Church, Greenwood, presented the field of church work.

Thursday, Harold Fisher, graduate student at University of Mississippi, will speak on the teaching profession.

Friday, Mrs. Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, will discuss Christian Homemaking.

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Woman's College Lists 26 With Scholastic Record

According to Mrs. I. E. Rouse, Dean of Students, at Woman's College Hattiesburg, twenty-six students have made an outstanding scholastic record during the first semester. Following are those on the Honor Roll, freshmen, and on the Dean's List, upper classmen.

Honor Roll: Nell Booker; Olga Hagler; and Virginia Wu.

Dean's List: Charlene Clark; Janet Campbell; Charlene Carpenter; Wanda Crew; Margaret Evans; Vivian Geiger; Mary Anne Hester; Rachel Monk; Gayle Shelton; Janeil Stewart; Becky Bilbo; Esther Crum; Ellen Davis; Ida Belle Hiderbrand; Havith Jeffcoat; and Evelyn McDonald.

lace E. Parham, director. 28 Pastors present, 24 churches represented, 502 attendance. "John K. Durst, New Orleans Seminary, was the inspirational speaker. Filmstrip, "Learn From Me" shown. Banners for attendance, efficiency, mileage awarded. Special music by Main Street Youth Choir."

CALHOUN COUNTY—Mrs. Ernest Barton, Director, 389 in attendance, 14 pastors present, with 26 churches represented. "Twenty-one of the 22 Associational Training Union Officers present. Nineteen Training Union Directors were present."

The Wesson church overpaid Pastor J. A. Lee's salary for the past year "at least \$40.00."

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Rev. John G. McDonald, who has been pastor near Washington, Indiana has accepted the call as pastor of the Goodman Church.

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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM — A 1953 ACTIVITY

For the individual church member, The Cooperative Program is an opportunity for him to have a share in all mission, education and benevolent work of the denomination.

For the church, The Cooperative Program is an opportunity to share in all Baptist causes.

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Programs dealing with study of home and foreign mission fields and current needs.

Local tours of church and associational mission projects.

Study of facts and figures of major denominational missionary endeavor on a comparative basis.

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Study of each agency and institution who are beneficiaries of the cooperative program in somewhat the following manner:

Location, size and nature of work

Contribution made to Southern Baptist work.

Manner of support, present status, needs.

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Educational program by the Brotherhood to familiarize men of church with the plan and method of the Cooperative Program.

Active promotion of State and Southwide Baptist Foundations.

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Increased Proportion of Church Receipts Through Cooperative Program

Hold Associational and Regional (or District) Brotherhood meetings where State and Southern Baptist agencies are located to acquaint men with institutions receiving cooperative program funds.

Programs on Baptist Foundations and the future of our denominational institutions.

Study of world needs and local needs in relationship to the local church budget and financial ability of the church membership.

RECORD NUMBER OF NEW BROTHERHOODS IN 1952

Mississippi in Fourth Place

Mississippi did quite alright last year in the matter of new Brotherhoods. As a matter of fact we were in fourth place and missed being for third place by only one Brotherhood. The states that led us last year were Georgia with 144, Texas with 132, California with 97, and we got 96. We continue to stay in the top three or four states in any goal that is set. Mississippi led last year in the percentage of Brotherhoods using the Brotherhood Journal. We wish to thank everybody who has contributed toward this record.

Family Night Great Success At Wallerville

The Wallerville Church in Union county enjoyed good fellowship at Family Night, February 4. There were 23 men present for the Brotherhood, 26 women in the W. M. U., represented each organization. Following the serving of supper the organizations met. The climax to the meeting was a message by Allison Bell, Lay Evangelist of Tupelo.

Rev. Wayne King is pastor.

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

BY REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

50 YEARS AGO

The Tupelo church moves up to full time, and Rev. R. A. Kimbrough begins as their pastor with very encouraging prospects.

The report of the Central Committee of the W. M. U. for the state for the last quarter of 1902 shows \$1,263.04 sent in by the societies for all missions, \$1,039.35 value of boxes sent the Home Board Missionaries and \$250.00 to Sunday School Board; a total of \$2,552.39. Mrs. Wm. R. Wood, Secretary of Committee.

The Wesson church overpaid Pastor J. A. Lee's salary for the past year "at least \$40.00."

25 YEARS AGO

The Sunnall Baptist Church, Rev. N. J. Lee, pastor, had a corner-stone laying of the new \$25,000 brick building. It was during the Rev. Dan Kelley revival meeting (Methodist), and at the close of the revival campaign, "In addition to those who joined the Methodist church, there were twenty-seven who came forward requesting membership in the Baptist church."

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Woman's Missionary Union

President—Miss Almarine Brown, Jackson
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 Royal Ambassador Secretary—Joel Ray

PRAY AND GIVE FOR HOME MISSIONS
March 2-6

At the presidential inauguration on January 20, one solo was "America the Beautiful." This is the theme for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

Meet—study—pray—give. Sing "America the Beautiful" with voice—and make America—The Beautiful—with your gifts to the ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING



CORONATION SERVICE INGOMAR

The above picture is of the G. A.'s in the Ingomar Baptist Church, Union county. There were 16 girls in the service with 4 of them being crowned Queen. The service was fostered by the W. M. U. and under the direction of Mrs. Milton Tutor, Young People's Director. Miss Ruth Ford, a missionary nurse who served in China, was the guest speaker.

— R. A. CONGRESS —

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— R. A. CONGRESS —

"AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL"
 Theme for Week of Prayer for Home Missions

March 2-6

How much do you love America?
 Meet and pray for Home Missions every day.

— R. A. CONGRESS —

SUNBEAM BOOK

"David and Jane"

A new story book just off the press takes children through the adventures of David and Jane, two Primaries who are full of interest for the projects they and other Sunbeams help carry out.

This first in a new W. M. U. Series of books on community missions is titled *David and Jane*, the names of the energetic brother and sister who romp all through the book. Each of the five stories is complete in itself, but David and Jane show up in all of them and make the book a strong unit.

Second- and third-graders will delight in the ease with which they can read these action-filled stories and first-graders will find the book written in the words of their own school readers. Preschoolers will like to listen and look at the pictures as an adult reads.

Activity centers around the community missions projects the children undertake.

The *David and Jane* book fills church activity with life and meaning for the Primary child and helps him see that he can have a part in God's work.

Also, there is a teacher's edition. In addition to the stories which are in the pupil's book, it has a very practical how-to-do-it section on leading the children in adventuring through the *David and Jane* episodes. This section offers down-to-earth ways of keeping the children's attention and helping them want to help God and others. Preparation for meetings, songs, handwork, related games, pictures, and conversation pointers are vital elements of the teacher's edition.

Parents and Sunbeam workers can order these books easily by mail. The Baptist Book Store is offering the pupil's edition of *David and Jane* at forty cents, the teacher's edition at sixty cents.

Survey Committee Makes Recommendations For Home Board's Negro Work

Your committee feels that one of the greatest mission challenges which faces our Convention is the Negro. More than 12,000,000 reside within the territory comprising the convention, half of whom are Baptists.

The old assumption that every Negro will automatically become a Christian and a Baptist can no longer stand unquestioned. Not only must every new generation be evangelized, but also there are great movements which tend to turn the tide away from the Baptist faith and principles.

Three urgent reasons suggest that we meet this challenge with courage and an adequate program: (1) The soul-need of the Negro people, saved and unsaved. (2) The unprecedented pressure of the Federal Government to force a program on the south which we think can best be met by whole-hearted cooperation between the white and negro citizenship, spearheaded by Christian leadership in both groups. (3) The Catholic leadership in the United States has met a definite long-range program designed to lead the Negroes to the Catholic faith and principle. This movement implies not only religious but also political implication which we cannot overlook.

These three inescapable facts make it imperative that we rethink our relationships with and our missionary obligation to the Negro, and greatly extend our mission work with them.

With Harold G. Sanders, of Florida as Chairman, the Committee recommends the following areas for advance:

Baptist Student Union Program:
 We think that program delegated to the Home Mission Board, working closely with the B. S. U. Department of the Sunday School Board and the two Negro Baptist Conventions, should be initiated properly and extended eventually to serve every colored campus of higher learning.

Kindergarten and Good Will Centers: We believe that we should increase the number of such endeavors, staffing them with most effective workers. Catholics are here making their greatest inroads among Negro people.

Denominational Cooperation:
 Stemming from the Home Mission Board's personnel promoting Negro work, we believe that every denominational unit should become conscious of its opportunity for cooperation with Negro Baptists, giving every possible assistance on every level.

For instance, our city mission superintendents should work closely with Negro leaders and churches in helping them to develop new churches and in promoting all phases of church work.

So, with the rural program, etc. We would look forward to the time when each state would have a man on its staff to promote cooperation with the Negroes in that state, working in cooperation with the over-all program of the Home Mission Board.

Negro Director of Evangelism:

CALENDAR OF PRAYER
February 16—Religious Education Association Meeting; Associational Missionaries Institute, Blue Mountain.

February 17—Mrs. W. G. Mize, staff, Baptist Orphanage; D. C. Simmons, Chairman of Board of Trustees, Baptist Hospital.

February 18—T. R. Aultman, Jeff Davis Association Training Union Director; Rev. B. E. Padgett, Attala Associational Sunday School Supt.

February 19—Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, faculty, Blue Mountain College; Dr. G. F. Barnes, faculty, Mississippi College.

February 20—Theo Breland, faculty, Clarke College; Rev. H. H. Ward, Attala Associational Missionary.

February 21—Mrs. Olen Morgan, Hinds Associational WMU Superintendent; Rev. A. B. Pierce, Attala Associational Chairman of Evangelism.

February 22—T. B. Morris, Alcorn Associational Brotherhood President; Mrs. W. E. Stewart, staff, Woman's College.

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Rev. James Gooch Suffers Partial Stroke

Rev. James Gooch, pastor of Fellowship Church in Green County, is a patient in Biloxi Veterans Hospital. During his sermon on January 18, he suffered a partial stroke affecting one side of his face.

Upon the discovery of his condition he offered his resignation as pastor of the church, not knowing how long he would be out of the pulpit. However, the church refused to accept it and assured him of their loyal support both to him and the church during his illness.

Rev. Wayne Hart, pastor First Church, Leakeville, upon learning of Brother Gooch's illness volunteered to take care of his pastorate during his absence and that without charge.

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Copiah Pastors' Conf. Meets in Wesson Feb. 16

The February meeting of the Copiah Baptist Pastors' Conference will be at Wesson Church on Monday February 1 from 10 a. m. until noon.

The devotional will be led by Rev. William Webb, pastor of the New Providence Church. A group from Copiah-Lincoln College will bring special music.

Mrs. O. M. Jones, manager of the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, will be the guest speaker.

Rev. Dewey E. Williams, pastor of Hopewell Church, is president.

We specifically recommend that a Negro Director of evangelism among Negroes be employed and be under the direction of the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board.

Widespread Cooperation: We would encourage that each church pastor and member of the convention seek opportunities for helpfulness and sharing of ideas with Negro churches, pastors and people everywhere, to the end that the Gospel might more fully be exemplified by both groups and that the Kingdom be advanced among us all.

George T. Byron Ordained

Rev. George Thomas Bryon, student at Mississippi College, was recently ordained to the full Gospel ministry by the First Church, Oxford, Dr. Frank Moody Purser, pastor.

The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Foy Rogers, Associational Missionary of Lafayette county. Dr. Purser presented the candidate with a Bible, a gift of the First Church.

Mr. Bryon is pastor of the New Bethel and Matthew churches.

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Last Call Issued For Missionaries' Meet

Last call is being issued in this week's Record for the annual Associational Missionaries Institute to be held on the campus of Blue Mountain College next week.

Rev. H. H. Ward, of Kosciusko, president has issued an invitation to pastors and others interested to attend and get the benefit of the outstanding program arranged.

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8:00 General Assembly.
8:10 Worship and Praise.
8:25 "A Million More in '54"—A. V. Washburn.
9:00 Adjourn.

THE CONFERENCE LEADERS

And now, we are indeed glad to present the leaders of the various conferences at our three Sunday school conventions, March 10-12, as follows:

Cradle Roll, Mrs. W. L. Blankinship.

Nursery, Mrs. H. R. Jones. Beginner, Miss Helen Young. Primary, Miss Allene Bryan. Junior, Mrs. Homer L. Grice. Intermediate, Miss Annie Ward Byrd.

Young People, Otis Seal. Adult, Jesse Daniel.

Extension, Miss Mary Ellen Caver.

Pastors and Superintendents, J. P. Edmunds.

Each of these is a specialist in that place of service, and will give an excellent account of himself in directing the conferences. We urge our people to be sure and get in on these periods of work that are dealing with the program in such a practical manner. They are most important. Don't miss them.

PLACES AND DATES

Be sure and keep the places and dates in mind and on your calendars.

They are as follows: Tupelo, Calvary Baptist Church, Tuesday, March 10; Meridian, First Baptist Church, Wednesday, March 11; Gulfport, First Baptist Church, Thursday, March 12.

Attend the one most convenient. The program is the same for all.

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Church Gifts To Be Listed Quarterly For Convention Year

Contributions of the churches of the state for 1953 will be published quarterly in the Baptist Record instead of semi-annually as heretofore has been announced by J. E. Lane, convention board treasurer. Gifts for the first quarter of this convention year—November, December and January—will be carried within the next two weeks and everyone is asked to watch for the listings, as usual, by associations.

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James L. Kraft Receives Bible Society Award

Chicago, Ill.—James L. Kraft, founder and chairman emeritus of the board of Kraft Foods Company received the second annual Gutenberg Award of the Chicago Bible Society at special ceremonies in the North Shore Baptist Church, according to announcement by Rev. Don Norman, executive secretary of the Society.

The Award cites Mr. Kraft as "faithful churchman, steward, humanitarian" and "is a public acknowledgment of the services rendered to the Bible cause in the Chicago metropolitan area through James Lewis Kraft by his great love for humanity; his unstinted giving of himself in helpfulness to every good cause which glorified his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

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Hear The Baptist Hour

Rev. Charles Wellborn will be the speaker on the Baptist Hour on Feb. 15. His message will be broadcast by 310 stations.

Mississippi has the following stations carrying the Baptist Hour: WJMB, Brookhaven, 1:30 p. m.; WGCL, Centreville, 1:30 p. m.; WLCD, Cleveland, 6 p. m.; WACR, Columbus, 2:30 p. m.; WJPR, Greenville, 6 p. m.; WFOR, Hattiesburg, 10:15 p. m.; WMBC, Macon, 2 p. m.; WAPF, McComb, 9 a. m.; WCOC, Meridian, 3:30 p. m.; WNAT, Natchez, 7:15 a. m.; WRJW, Picayune, 1 p. m.; and WVIM, Vicksburg, 5:30 p. m.

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MRS. M. D. BAINE

Whereas, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call our friend and co-laborer, Mrs. M. D. Baine, from our midst and receive her into her Heavenly reward, and

Whereas, her passing has brought sadness into the hearts of her many friends, particularly her close associates in the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church of Durant, and

Whereas, it is the desire of the members of the Society to express publicly their high regard for and appreciation of her exemplary conduct and Christian character as exhibited in their midst;

Therefore, be it resolved that we the members of the Missionary Society, do hereby express the deep sorrow we have at her passing, and express our sympathy for her family and in our prayers commit them to the Heavenly Father for comfort and sustaining grace.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions shall be furnished the family, The Baptist Record, The Durant News, and spread in the minutes of the Woman's Missionary Union in her memory.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. J. F. Durham, Mrs. A. L. Stevens, Mrs. W. R. Henry.

—BR—

Being a field missionary takes a lot of teaching and preaching of the old-time religion, but it also takes a lot of practicing.—Clara (Mrs. Z. Paul) Freeman, missionary to Argentina.

Stewardship Vital To Real Advance In Kingdom Causes

By W. R. ROBERTS
State Chairman of Christian Stewardship Week—Oct. 18-25

Southern Baptists are engaged in an effort to enlist our people in an advance in the study and practice of Christian Stewardship.

Why This Advance

Southern Baptists are advancing in every field, including evangelism, training, education, and stewardship. We must ever seek to continue this advance if we are to fill our place in a world task.

The spread of the Gospel into all the world waits upon the stewardship of those who are called by the name of Christ. If Southern Baptists ever become the stewards they should, there would be no church or denominational task too large for us to undertake.

Lets Follow These Principles

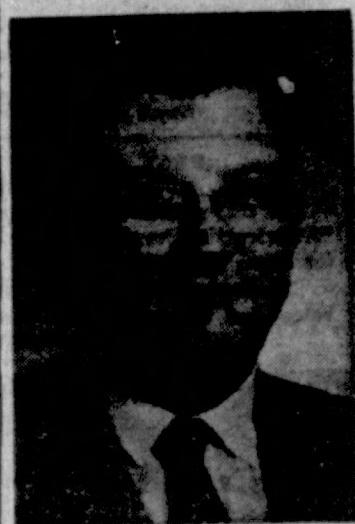
1. Utilize all organizations. Each state convention, all Southern Baptist convention agencies, Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood are actively cooperating in these plans.

2. Enlist every church. Emphasize a 100 per cent goal.

3. First seek to enlist the leadership in each church, including all deacons, members of the finance committee and other church officers. Then strive to reach the entire membership.

4. Hold a meeting of teachers in the association to clarify objectives for the week's work and to make plans for achievement of these goals. Such objectives may include (1) teach what the Bible says about stewardship, (2) examine our achievement in the light of those teaching, (3) discover answers to the questions, "What can we do to improve our record of stewardship?" (4) Secure committals to tithe, and (5) in light of needs lead each church to adopt a definite plan for certain new steps with Christ in stewardship.

5. Make full reports. Have each church report on classes offered, teachers, books studied, enrollment in each class, attendance each night by classes, total attendance and average attendance. Have each association compile these and send the associational report to the state director. He will compile the state report and send it to the executive committee.

Calvary Evangelist

REV. J. B. SMITH

Calvary Church, Silver Creek, will have a series of special revival services February 15-22. Rev. J. B. Smith, pastor of First Church, Magee will be the visiting preacher. Pastor C. L. Boland will be in charge of the music.

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There is great need here for many things; but we do not ask your gifts for ourselves or Nigeria. We do urge you to tithe your income through your church that more funds may be placed in the hands of the Foreign Mission Board and used where the greatest needs exist.—Wayne Logan, missionary dentist and pharmacist to Nigeria.

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Questions About Church Letters

BY LEON MOORE

At least fifty percent of Baptist Church members transfer their membership — or move their letters — once or more during their lifetime. We were told last year that over two million Southern Baptists should transfer their letters into churches where they live. This being true, and considering the confused thinking on the part of many individuals, and the many abuses on the part of churches in granting and receiving letters, every Baptist should know the answers to these ten questions about church letters:

1. What is a Church Letter?

A church letter is a certificate of membership, a statement from one Baptist Church to another that one is a member, and his fellowship has been such in one church that he is recommended to the fellowship of another.

2. Who Has the Authority to Grant A Church Letter?

The only one who has the authority to grant or send a church letter is the church in which one holds membership.

3. Who Should Request the Church Letter?

The church in which one has asked membership should request the letter. This is the work of the Church clerks.

4. To Whom Should the Letter be Granted?

A church letter should be granted to the church requesting it — and never to the individual. It is a church letter. In rare instances

when the individual may take his letter personally to another church the letter should be made to that particular church, and not "to whom it may concern". This discourages "Trunk Baptists".

5. To Whom Does the Church Letter Belong?

The church letter belongs to the church which holds it — or in which the individual holds membership. The church controls it until it is received in another church. When one joins the church by letter, he is voted into membership contingent upon the receipt of his letter from the other church.

6. Can a Baptist Church Member Take His Church Letter and do Wit it What he Please (Place it in His Trunk and still be a Good Baptist?)

No. Individual Baptist churches can (within limits) but not individual Baptists. The church makes the policies, not the individual. Such a disgruntled Baptist should get a letter of exclusion since he has broken his fellowship with the church, but should not get a church letter.

7. What is the Policy of Most Baptist Churches Relative to Church Letters?

Most Baptist Churches grant letters to other Baptist Churches by name after the individual has asked for membership in the second church. They do not grant letters to individuals.

8. Do Baptists Grant Church Letters to Churches of Other Denominations?



nations?

No. Letters are granted only to churches of like faith and order. As a matter of courtesy a Baptist Church should send to a church of another denomination (when requested) a statement that the individual has been a member of that church, and wish him God-speed in his new church relationship.

9. After One Joins a Local Baptist Church How Can He Get Out of Its Membership?

There are four ways by which one may cease to be a member of a local Baptist Church:

1. Join another Baptist Church.
2. Join another denomination.
3. Die.
4. Be excluded on the basis of a breach of fellowship, or for some other reason.

10. Should Church Letters Tell The Truth?

Yes. If it is important for indi-

viduals to be truthful, it is more important for churches to be. The church letter should not state that a member is in "good standing and full fellowship" when everyone knows he is not. If one is a trouble-maker, or never attended a service, or never supported the church financially, the letter should so state. If one is a consecrated, faithful worker and has some unusual talents or abilities, the letter should so state.

If every individual Baptist clearly understood the nature of church letters, and if all Baptist churches eliminated existent abuses in the granting of them, our stature as a denomination would be notably increased.

—BR—

Can you imagine high school and college age young people staying for a Bible class after they have already gone to Sunday School and Church? It's two o'clock before they go home for dinner, and they return for the evening service. Such spiritual hunger is wonderful to witness. — Alvin E. Spencer, Jr., missionary to Japan.

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For the past several months while Harrisburg Baptist Church was without a regular Pastor, Bro. Allison Bell left his chosen field of service as Lay Evangelist to serve as our Acting Pastor. Bro. Bell, after seventeen years as a successful business man in Tupelo as manager of Mississippi Gas Company, resigned in March 1952, to become one of Mississippi's first Lay Ministers. During his business career Mr. Bell became well known all over Mississippi as a prominent teacher of the Men's Bible Class of the Calvary Baptist Church, where he also served as a deacon.

During the past several months Bro. Bell has endeared himself to all the membership of Harrisburg Baptist Church. His strong Christian character has steadily led forward in all of our church activities. His able command of the English language is surpassed only by his being definitely led by the Holy Spirit . . . His Life is truly a shining example of Faith in Christ.

As Harrisburg Baptist Church has now secured a regular pastor, Bro. Bell will be free to again accept invitations to conduct revivals and supply pulpits as of February 15, 1953. We, of Harrisburg Baptist Church heartily commend Bro. Bell to all of our Sister Churches. You will find in him wonderful leadership for your evangelistic crusades. As Bro. Bell leaves us for his chosen field of service, we wish for him Godspeed and the constant, abiding Grace of God in his journeys.

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LAWRENCE COUNTY HOLDS A QUARTERLY HYMN SING

On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 1st, the regular Quarterly Hymn Sing of the Lawrence County Association was held at First Church, Monticello. The program was under the leadership of E. V. Catt, Associational Music Director. The program followed the general outline for quarterly hymn sings with plenty of congregational singing interspersed with special music presented by various church choirs and groups from the churches.

There were a total of 171 people present with 13 churches represented 19 pastors, 12 song leaders, and 16 pianists and organists. The new districting program with maps of the new districts was outlined by the State Music Director. Materials for the 1953 District Festivals were handed out.

It was interesting to note that many of the churches presented special numbers from the Church Musician. A demonstration of the hymn playing festival was given by James Oliver Allen of Silver Creek.

The minutes of the previous meeting was read by Miss Emily Russell and proper emphasis throughout the program was given to music and the church with the emphasis on music and worship. More power to the Lawrence Music Association!

JACKSON ASSOCIATION HOLDS MUSIC WEEK

The Jackson County Association under the leadership of Mr. C. Lamar Alexander opened an Associational-Wide Music Week with a Music Rally and Hymn Festival on Sunday afternoon Feb. 1. Classes continued throughout the week

at night and the program promoted on Friday night, Feb. 6th, was a special feature.

Mr. Clifford A. Holcomb, newly elected associational promoter in the Music Department at Nashville joined in the leadership during the week. The music organization in Jackson county is now completed and a full program of music education is underway.

CLIFFORD A. HOLCOMB TO ATTEND MUSIC DIRECTORS PLANNING MEETING

On Monday, Feb. 23, the State Planning Meeting for Associational Music Directors and Missionaries will be held at First Church, Jackson. The program will open at 10:00 a. m. and close 4 p. m. A fellowship luncheon will be held at 12:00 for the entire group. All Associational-Music Directors along with Associational Missionaries are expected to be present.

Mr. Clifford A. Holcomb, Associate in the Music Department at Nashville, who is primarily responsible for associational organization work will be present for this meeting. The entire plans for the music work for 1953 will be discussed and planned.

DISTRICT MUSIC FESTIVAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE IN MUSIC OFFICE

The new district map along with rules and regulations for the District Festivals to be held April 13-May 18 will be mailed to all pastors and music leaders within the next few days. If you do not receive copies of this material please write the Music Department, Box 530, Jackson, and a supply will be sent to you immediately.

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MARCH 13-14**Canadian Baptists Issue Invitation**

While traveling each summer over the United States and in Canada, Europe, and South America, many of our people plan their itineraries to include some of the Baptist gatherings in the territory in which they travel.

At the Canadian Baptist Youth Camp (for those between the ages of 18 and 25), located about 130 miles north of Toronto, Southern hospitality reigns. In fact, our Canadian Baptist friends have issued special invitations for Southern Baptists to visit them August 8-22.

For those going to Europe, two dates have already been set, with more to come later. The European Student Conference, August 5-13, at Konigsfeldt in Black Forest of southwestern Germany, will be an interesting experience. This second

European student conference is also open to those not of student age. In Ruschlikon Seminary, Zurich, Switzerland, a Youth Leaders Conference is scheduled July 21-28. The seminary in Zurich will also conduct a pastors' conference, a laymen's conference, and probably a chaplains' conference sometime during the summer. Dates will be announced later.

Of course the biggest meeting of the summer is the Fourth Baptist Youth World Conference, July 15-22, at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Billy Graham, Arnold Ohrn, Duke McCall, Culbert Rutenber, Everett Gill, and C. Oscar Johnson are some who will appear on the program.

For further information on any of these, write Robert S. Denny, chairman, Youth Committee, Baptist World Alliance, 161 Eighth Avenue, North Nashville, Tennessee.

BAY SPRINGS DEACONS

Deacons recently ordained at the First Church, Bay Springs were — reading from the left: Henry Gatewood, W. C. Jefcoat, Dr. T. M. Massey and John Gatewood. Dr. Cecil W. Jones is pastor.

Church School Graduates Have Greater Chance Of Success

BY C. E. BRYANT

Baylor University

Who's Who in America has published a leaflet called "The Vital Part of Knowledge," and they identify that vital element as character.

Usually, says the leaflet, people see no connection between character building and formal education. Character is considered one objective, education another. And this philosophy has led parents to believe that if a public school or a college is big, well equipped, in a good neighborhood and staffed with instructors capable of successfully teaching the subjects they are assigned, they have a good school. Hence, the leaflet continues, the tremendous growth of tax-supported educational institutions.

"Fortunately," says the Who's Who leaflet, "there exists a minority who think differently. They are the ones responsible for our many independent educational institutions, private preparatory schools and denominational colleges. The only reason for the existence of these institutions lies in the fact that they have obligations above and beyond the impartation of knowledge."

And then, the writer of the leaflet cities his clincher:

"Proof of their (these private, denominational colleges) effectiveness is contained in a recent survey made by the Editors of 'Who's Who in America,' wherein it is proved by statistics that the graduate of this type of institution has

Kagawa To Evangelize, Make Survey, In Brazil

GENEVA (EPS) Toyohiko Kagawa, Christian leader and evangelist of Japan, is enroute to Brazil, at the invitation of a group of Japanese of that country. He will conduct an evangelistic campaign under the sponsorship of the Federation of Evangelical Churches of Brazil. During his visit he will also investigate the Amazon River area as a possible area for development and Japanese immigration.

This is the first time since the war that a Japanese Christian has been invited to Brazil, although Buddhist leaders as well as musicians and actors have paid visits to the 450,000 Japanese who are in that country.

The La Rose Mission Group of the New Orleans Seminary has a Training Union on wheels. This comes late on an all-day mission trip made by about 15 students each Sunday. They go across the Mississippi River from New Orleans into small towns that are nominally Catholic, on assignment by the seminary's Practical Activities Department. The students are busy in street services, Sunday Schools and visitation all day, and cannot get back to New Orleans in time to be at Training Union. So they have organized one for the bus.

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The revival meeting of First Church, Grenada will be held April 5-12 with the pastor, Dr. John W. Landrum doing the preaching and Reid Moore, minister of music of First Church of Jackson leading the music.

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Sunday School Lesson

THE CONSEQUENCES OF REJECTING CHRIST

By Dr. Clifton J. Allen

For Feb. 15, 1953

Text: Mt. 21:1 to 22:14.

Our lesson brings us to the beginning of Passion Week. On the first day of the week Jesus presented himself definitely to the Jewish nation as the Messiah and then returned to Bethany for the night. Monday, as he returned to the city, he pronounced a curse upon a barren fig tree, typical of the Jewish nation which was void of the fruit of righteousness. The Temple was being desecrated by commerce and extortion, so that he drove the thieves out in indignation.

Returning to Jerusalem again on Tuesday, the disciples marveled at the withered fig tree, while Jesus declared to them the unlimited power of faith and prayer. In the Temple the chief priests and elders challenged his authority, and in response he spoke three parables to expose the hypocrisy of his enemies, their rebellion against God, their guilt in rejecting Him, and the certainty of judgment falling upon them. How blind men were to the glory of spiritual opportunity and the terror of divine judgment.

The parable of the two sons made very obvious the hypocrisy of the scribes and Pharisees. Jesus spoke another parable to impress further their guilt and the certain destruction to come to the Jewish nation.

God's Goodness Illustrated

Jesus illustrated God's goodness by describing a householder's care of his vineyard. Every effort was put forth by the owner to insure a fruitful vineyard. Care was taken in the preparation and planning. It was let out to husbandmen with the expectation that they would prove good stewards of their trust.

All of this was meant to emphasize God's goodness in dealing with the people of Israel. He planted the nation in a chosen place. He protected and preserved his people and demonstrated his long-suffering mercy and holy purpose in a multitude of ways. God was Himself the owner of the vineyard, and He expected the fruits of righteousness, faith, and loyalty from His people. What more could God have done?

God's Son Rejected

Jesus was describing the rebellious attitude of the people of Israel through the centuries. God had sent his servants, the prophets, to instruct the people, to teach them God's way, and to inspire them to fidelity toward God, holiness in personal living, and justice toward one another. But they broke God's commandments, spurned his mercies, and treated his messengers with varying degrees of shame and violence. Now, in the fullness of time, God was sending his own Son, and his own people were on the verge of re-



Lunch time was enjoyed by a number of people who attended the Leadership Conference and Brotherhood Rally recently held at the Hickory Church. Rev. Lewis A. Curtis is pastor of the Hickory Church.

Mission Tour Of Central America Planned In May

A two week tour of Baptist missions in Mexico and Central America immediately following the Houston Convention has been announced by Dr. H. C. Goerner, Professor of Comparative Religion and Missions at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. Designed to give pastors and laymen a firsthand knowledge of missions, the tour will cover four Latin American Republics and the Panama Canal Zone. Missionaries in Mexico, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Panama will cooperate in arranging itineraries and serving as guides and interpreters for the group.

A total of about five thousand miles will be covered during the two weeks, the major portion by plane. Side trips by chartered bus and train are also included. The party will leave from Houston, Texas and return on May 23 either to Houston, or to New Orleans or Miami.

The tour is being offered on an all-expense basis, with hotel, meals and local transportation included in the total cost of approximately \$500. The 40 person party is open to women as well as men. Application for further information should be addressed to Dr. H. C. Goerner, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville 6, Ky.

rejecting him and effecting his death. They rejected the ever-tutes of God through the prophets, and they rejected the incarnate Son who had come bringing salvation and eternal life.

Divine Judgment Declared

Jesus forced his hearers to declare the very obvious point of the proved themselves worthy of death. What else could the owner do other than destroy them and let his vineyard out to other husbandmen who could be faithful? Christ was himself the chief cornerstone. He was being rejected by his own nation. In spite of this, God would make him the head of the corner. God's purpose in the Son could not be defeated.

God's judgment on Israel was inevitable. The people had the first opportunity of an inheritance in the kingdom of God. Having rejected it with stubborn pride and love for evil, God would take it from them and give it to others.

"Up To Now"

MRS. W. G. MIZE

Thanks for the wonderful response to our Easter Suggestion. Our supply of Pre-school children was exhausted by the first batch of mail.

Remaining to be assigned and waiting for a Sponsor for an "Easter Outfit" are some sixteen girls, ages eleven through fifteen, and some fifty boys, ages six through fifteen.

The response from the Missionary Societies and Ladies' Sunday School Classes has been generous. Perhaps there are some Men's Classes or Brotherhoods who would like to "Sponsor or Brother a Boy." If so just address your letter to Baptist Orphanage, P. O. Attention Mrs. W. G. Mize, and we shall be glad to send you the name and measurements of the boy or girl together with suggestions and other information. Thank You!

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If God's longing to break the silence between himself and man has brought him to speak to us in his Son, it is not too much to ask that we begin learning another Oriental language, arduous and barren though the job might be, in order to make that message known.—Frances E. Hudgins, missionary to Thailand, formerly to China.

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When the gospel gets hold of you, you can't keep from giving to others. You can give without loving, but you can't love without giving.—James P. Kirk, missionary to Brazil.

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Non-Denominationalism, Inter-Denominationalism And the Church and the Southern Baptist Convention

BY M. THERON RANKIN
Executive Secretary, The Foreign
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The basic difference of belief between Southern Baptists and inter-denominational and non-denominational movements is our belief concerning the nature and function of the church. It is at this point that we would compromise our beliefs concerning the Scriptures most seriously if we were to become part of either interdenominational or non-denominational movements.

The Scriptures and the Church

If we are to be convincing to ourselves as well as to others in maintaining our position separately from these movements, we must restudy and be able to state convincingly what we believe the Scriptures teach concerning the church.

We cannot expect to avoid the pressure of either of these movements. It is a part of the environment in which we live today and comes from one side just as much as from the other. But we seem to be much more susceptible to the non-denominational influence than we are to the inter-denominational.

We have been highly alerted to the pressure of the inter-denominational influence, especially in its development in the ecumenical movement, and have taken rather vigorous positions in some instances to guard against it. For the most part, however, we have remained oblivious to the equally serious challenge to our beliefs concerning the church which arises from the influence of non-denominationalism.

Our answer to both of these challenges is to be found in what we believe the Scriptures teach about the church. In the Ecumenical Movement, a concept of the Holy, Sacramental, Ecclesiastical Body of Christ is clearly crystallizing which, in my opinion, Southern Baptists could not possibly accept and continue to be true to what we believe the Bible teaches concerning the church.

On the other hand, non-denominationalism so weakens the concept of the church and attaches so little importance to scriptural teachings concerning it that all ideas of the church seem to be equally valid, provided they give support to the particular theological interpretation of the Scriptures generally held by non-denominational groups.

Instead of determining our positions with reference to both of these movements on the real issue of the nature and function of the church, we have taken our positions on the basis of our appraisal of their theology. We have condemned the theology of the inter-denominational, or ecumenical movement, as being modernistic, and have, therefore, refused to have any relation with this movement. On the other hand, we consider the theology of non-denominational groups as conservative and, therefore, have had much closer affiliation with them than

with inter-denominational groups. Difference is Belief About the Church

The fact is that our basic difference with both groups is in our beliefs about the church. I am persuaded that theologically we have much more in common with the inter-denominational groups than many of our people realize. It would be difficult to support a charge of modernism against recent statements issued by many of these groups concerning the revelation as recorded in the Bible of God's redemptive acts in the atoning death and resurrection of his son, Jesus Christ.

Be that as it may, however, this does not obviate the very real and vital difference in our beliefs concerning what the Bible teaches about the church. And no more does the fact that we may find much in common with the theology of the non-denominational groups obviate the equally real and vital difference we have with them in our beliefs concerning the church.

The presence of this pressure on our beliefs from these two sources leads me to suggest a third challenge which we face. This one is to be found within ourselves.

We are frequently tempted to resort to the ecclesiastical strength and authority of the Southern Baptist Convention to guard ourselves against such pressure. To the extent that we yield to this temptation, we, ourselves, become the chief of violators of what we profess to believe about the nature and function of the church.

Danger of Leaning Too Far

In our reaction to the concept of the church, as one ecclesiastical body, the Holy, Sacramental Body of Christ, we may react so far to an opposite extreme that we shall ignore the teachings which the Scriptures do have concerning the church and the body of Christ. We can so magnify the separateness of the local church that we may separate ourselves from the fellowship of those who constitute a large part of the body of Christ, even though they are not members of Southern Baptist churches.

The most effective defense and support of our positions in relation to interdenominational and non-denominational movements is the truth of the scriptural teachings concerning the nature and function of the church. If we know this truth and speak it in love, then we are free and need no other defense. As we are guided by this truth we shall be able to avoid extreme reactions to the influences both without and within our churches which we are challenging our beliefs about the church.

Dr. Duke K. McCall has rendered a service in calling our attention to the importance of our studying the doctrine of the church. Although many of us do not think that such study should be made by a

Convention commission, we share fully the conviction that the time in which we live demands that we be thoroughly grounded in the knowledge of what the Bible teaches about the church.

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Positive Thinking?

BY R. LOFTON HUDSON

In the name of religion — the religion of Jesus Christ — a new "fad" has developed. Perhaps "emphasis" is a more polite word. I refer to the current cult which says "Now let's think positively about everything; don't think negatively, for negative thinking is harmful and a hindrance to success and happiness."

Let us consider a few negative thoughts about positive thinking.

Here is an exact quotation from the most noted exponent of positive thinking:

"For the next twenty-four hours, deliberately speak hopefully about everything, about your job, about your children's marks in school, about your health and about your future. Speak hopefully about the prospects for world peace and the business outlook and go out of your way to talk optimistically about everything. . . . You must feed your mind even as you feed your body, and to make your mind healthy you must feed it good nourishing, wholesome thoughts. Therefore, now, today, start to shift your mind to positive thinking."

In other words, if something is painful to think about, just don't think about it.

Is this above quotation from the Unity School of Christianity? No, although their technique is very similar, though not as honest. Christian Science? No, they are more vague. This quotation comes from the pen of a leading minister of our generation, and passes itself off as New Testament religion and sound psychology.

Consider the psychology angle first. About the turn of the century, a French pharmacist by the name of Coue (pronounced koo-A) developed a health technique called autosuggestion. By 1910 he established a world-famous clinic at Naney. The method was simple. The patient simply says, "Day by day in every way I am getting better and better." Do that twenty or thirty times, especially when you first wake up in the morning. The result? Coue died in 1926. I first met him through the Mutt and Jeff funnies. By the time I was grown the whole world, those who were intellectually self-respecting were laughing him out of court.

And to think that Couelism comes back twenty years later dressed up in ministerial garb! Same old error but in a Genevan gown!

What is wrong with this "positive thinking" creed? The first thing is that it is downright dishonest. Is that a valid consideration?

"The bull in the pasture is not basically a bad animal; all animals mean to be friendly. . . . Ooh, what hit me?" "That odor I smell in the basement, could the gas be leaking? Hmm, that could be dangerous. I'll light a match. . . .

Why I am trembling; there is nothing to be afraid of — except fear. . . . Scratch. . . . Scratch. . . . Boom! (Loud Silence!)"

Many other examples could be given to think positively about negative aspects of life is to call black white and poison a wholesome beverage. A person should think positively about positive things and negatively about negative things. Life is composed of both. If a man finds himself seeing only one color, whether black or rose, he should try to find out the cause and remove it, not trick himself into thinking he is "healthy" or "successful" or "powerful."

Another serious objection to this mental trickery is that it leads to moral and emotional downfall. This method of avoiding the unpleasant in life is what the psychologists call "repression." You push the contending idea back in a dark corner of the mind and then deny that it is there — this process is automatic in repression. To have to say "affirmations" to yourself every morning is a sign that repressions are not working.

Anxiety is close to the surface. Instead of dealing with the normal unpleasant problems of life, these people turn their attention away from them. But do they get rid of them? They do not. They develop a crippled, unrealistic, childish attitude — and call it faith.

Take the fact of sin. Positive thinking denies it or quickly forgets it. This is not God's way. He asks us to face our sins, confess them, accept forgiveness, and accept ourselves as sinners who live in constant need. To act like no harm can come to us even though we have sinned is untrue and unscriptural. All of this talk about not thinking negatively is an attempt to deaden the human conscience so that it does not hurt. But God has a better way. Forgiveness.

Imagine John the Baptist thinking positively about those hypocritical pharisees. And Peter rebuked Christ for negative thinking about his subsequent death (Matt. 16:21-23). Jesus was guilty of this honest realism over and over. Need I multiply examples? They are on every page of the Bible.

Satan's new trick (to ward off conviction of sin and conversion) is put forth, too, in the name of psychology. "Positive thinking" is supposed to prevent insomnia, nervous breakdowns, heartburn (old name for indigestion), colds, and all forms of insanity. About the only thing any reputable psychologist can say for this new fad is this: It won't do you much harm if you are not already sick. But in that case you wouldn't likely be monkeying around with it anyway.

The human mind has such a tendency to turn away from the hard facts of reality that it needs no encouragement. Anyone who in the name of religion leads people to try to manipulate their minds by "thought conditioners" or any other kind of autosuggestion is doing a great disservice to both man and God. Our minds were made to use honestly in "seeing life steadily and seeing it whole." Can you imagine Jesus saying to himself, "Now I must condition my mind to receive the power of God."

I am in favor of reinterpreting the Word of God for each generation. Old truths must be put in new words, in the language of the people. But these new words must be true ones, true to the facts of God's revelation and of the human mind. And nothing is farther from the New Testament than an attempt to teach a technique by which man may feel this or that. Joy, peace, love, freedom, salvation in full, come not in "thinking" any certain way, but as the result of God's work in the human heart.

The new heresy reminds me of a book review by Lessing, the German philosopher: "There is much in this book that is new and much that is true, but what is new is not true and what is true is not new."

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Jimmy Middleton To Speak At Cleveland Rally

The Delta Pastor's Conference in session at Leland Monday night, set the date for a Delta-wide rally is the opening phase of the Delta-wide Simultaneous Revivals to begin March 22.

This giant rally will be held in Cleveland, Monday night, March 2, in the college auditorium with Dr. James W. Middleton, pastor of First Church, Shreveport, as the speaker. Dr. Loren Williams, Southern Baptist Department of Church Music, will be the singer.

Dr. Chas S. Riser, Jr., of Webb, is president of the Delta Pastors Conference, and Dr. Wilford Lee, Leland is general chairman of the revival movement throughout the Delta. C. J. Olander is program chairman for the special rally, Monday, March 2.

Each of the eleven associations in the Delta was represented, and reports indicate widespread interest and hard work, with deep spiritual fervor.

Attendance of large numbers from all churches in the Delta is to hear Dr. Middleton.

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CAPITOL HILL CLUB GETS LIQUOR LICENSE

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Protests from temperance and church leaders here failed to prevent issuance of a liquor license to the Capitol Hill Club, formed recently by prominent Republican Congressmen and officials of the new administration.

In granting a license for the 1953-4 beverage license year, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of the District of Columbia said "no valid objection" to the license had been produced.

The club is across the street from the House Office Buildings. It contains conference rooms and a bar and cocktail lounge.

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A young man of exceptional charm and intelligence, a graduate of Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, was visibly moved the very first day of our English Bible class. He said, "I had never thought before that Christianity had so much to offer. Buddha cannot save us or help us when we are in trouble. I am a Buddhist, but I must choose." Apparently he did, for he never came back. Perhaps, like the rich young ruler, he decided that the cost was too great.—Frances E. Hudgins, missionary to Thailand.

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